

## CLAIMS

What is Claimed Is:

1        1. A computer, comprising:

2            a setup function setting and display device identifying setting items that are not  
3            reflected in a use environment of the computer from among a plurality of setting items, and  
4            displaying the setting items that are not reflected in the use environment in a manner  
5            recognizable from other setting items.

6        2. A computer having a setup function, comprising:

7            a memory storing setup history information; and  
8            a display controller identifying setting items that are not reflected in a use  
9            environment of the computer from a plurality of setting items, and controlling display of the  
10          setting items that are not reflected in the use environment in a manner recognizable from other  
11          setting items.

12        3. A computer as recited in claim 1, wherein the setting values set during a setup

13          operation for the setting items that are not reflected in the use environment are replaced by  
14          values set by software different from the software used during the setup operation.

15        4. A computer as recited in claim 2, wherein the setting values set during a setup

16          operation for the setting items that are not reflected in the use environment are replaced by  
17          values set by software different from the software used during the setup operation.

1           5. A computer display method, comprising:

2           identifying setting items that are not reflected in a use environment of the computer

3           from among a plurality of setting items; and

4           displaying the setting items that are not reflected in a manner recognizable from other

5           setting items.

1           6. A computer readable storage medium storing a program for implementing a

2           display method with a computer, the method comprising:

3           identifying settings that are not reflected in a use environment of the computer from

4           among a plurality of setting items; and

5           displaying the setting items that are not reflected in a recognizable from other setting

6           items.

1           7. A computer, comprising:

2           a first setup function setting and display device controlled by a first program to set

3           items related to a use environment of the computer and to display the set items;

4           a second setup function setting device controlled by a second program to set items

5           related to the use environment of the computer, an item set by the second setup function setting

6           device having priority over the same item set by the first setup function setting device; and

7           an identifying device to identify the items set by the second setup function setting

8           device having priority over the items set by the first setup function setting device.

1           8.       A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the second setup function setting  
2       device disables the same item set by the first setup function setting device.

1           9.       A computer as recited in claim 7, further comprising a display to display the  
2       item identified by the identifying device in a manner distinguishable from other items.

1           10.      A computer as recited in claim 9, wherein the display displays the item  
2       identified in halftone dot mesh.

1           11.      A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is a basic input  
2       output system program and the second program is an operating system program.

1           12.      A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is a basic input  
2       output system program and the second program is an application program.

1           13.      A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is an operating  
2       system program and the second program is a basic input output system program.

1           14.      A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is an application  
2       program and the second program is a basic input output system program.

1           15.      A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is an application  
2       program and the second program is an application program.

1           16.     A computer as recited in claim 9, wherein the identifying device comprises a  
2 history information setting device to monitor the set items and to store a history of items set by  
3 the first setting device which are modified by the second setting device, and the display  
4 displays the item in a manner distinguishable from other items based on the stored history.

1           17.     A computer as recited in claim 16, wherein the history information setting  
2 device comprises a non-volatile memory storing the history of items set by the first setting  
3 device which are modified by the second setting device.

1           18.     A method of operating a computer, comprising:  
2           setting items related to a use environment of the computer using a first program;  
3           setting items related to the use environment of the computer using a second program,  
4           an item set using the second program having priority over the same item set using the first  
5           program; and  
6           identifying the items set using the second program having priority over the items set  
7           by the first program; and  
8           displaying the identified items in a manner distinguishable from other items.